





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: YAJIMA, Taro, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1753

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Examiner: Steven H. VERSTEEG

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For: MATCHING BOX, VACUUM APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND

VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED RESPONSE GROUP ART UNIT 1753

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.